

REMARKS

The present reply is in response to the final Office Action of September 8, 2006 and the Advisory Action of December 7, 2006. Claims 28-45 were allowed in the Office Action, and claim 4 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Claims 2-27 and 46-63 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendment. Thus, claims 1 and 28-46 are again presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following remarks. A Petition for a one month Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and in light of the remarks that follow, are respectfully requested. Because the present claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the cited art, good cause exists for the entry of this reply in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

The Office Action and the Advisory Action have indicated that claims 28-45 are allowable, and that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of dependent claim 4. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2-27 and 46-63 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation Application on the cancelled claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

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respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have. If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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